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1. This report includes information on the following items:

I Basis of the Report

V Reasoned Statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) as to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations in support of this statement

V Reasoned Statement ...

1. Statement

Novelty Yes: Claims 1-10
No: Claims

Inventive Step Yes: Claims 1-10
No: Claims

Industrial Applicability Yes: Claims 1-10
No: Claims

2. Citations and Explanations:

See appended page

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1. The following reference is cited:

1) GB 2 303 891 A (T & N TECHNOLOGY), March 5, 1997

2: Novelty

The characteristics of independent claims 1 and 5 are not known from any single reference in the prior art; these claims thus meet the criterion for novelty under Article 33(2) PCT.

Claims 2-4 and 6-10 are dependent on claim 1 or claim 5 and therefore also meet this criterion.

3: Inventive Step

Reference 1 is considered to be the closest prior art. It discloses a cast iron coating carrier plate and a method for producing it. For anchoring the friction coating material, the carrier plate is provided with protrusions. The carrier plate and the protrusions are all in one piece, which is cast in a single operation.

For one skilled in the art, it is not obvious to replace the protrusions from reference 1 with the pins cast integrally in the carrier plate (as in claims 1 and 5).

The production method of claim 1 and the carrier plate of claim 5 are thus based on an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT; the same is true for the subject of dependent claims 2-4 and 6-10.